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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 March 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6, 8-33 and 35-47 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 32, 33 and 35-47 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 8-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment received on March 16, 2009 has been fully considered and entered, but the arguments are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

NOTE: The Terminal Disclaimer filed on March 16, 2009 has been acknowledged by the examiner. The disclaimer will be processed by the office, and the approval or disapproval will be forthcoming in the next communication.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

2. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

3. Claims 1-6 and 8-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as not falling within one of the four categories of inventions.

With respect to claims 1, 15 and 24, Supreme Court precedent and recent Federal Circuit decision indicate that a statutory "process" under 35 U.S.C. 101 must (1) be tied to another statutory category (such as a particular apparatus), or (2) transform underlying subject matter (such as an article or material) to a different state or thing. While the instant claim recites a series of steps or acts to be performed, the claim neither transform underlying subject matter nor is positively tied to another statutory

category that accomplishes the claimed method steps, and therefore does not qualify as a statutory process.

For example in claim 1, the method of detecting still pixels in a video stream including steps of defining, performing, calculating and comparing is of sufficient breadth that it would be reasonably interpreted as a series of steps completely performed mentally, verbally or without a machine.

The applicant has provided no explicit and deliberate definition of defining, performing, calculating and comparing to limit the steps for detecting the still pixels in the video stream.

For example in claim 15, the method of detecting still pixels in a video stream including steps of defining, calculating, summing and comparing is of sufficient breadth that it would be reasonably interpreted as a series of steps completely performed mentally, verbally or without a machine.

The applicant has provided no explicit and deliberate definition of defining, calculating, summing and comparing to limit the steps for detecting the still pixels in the video stream.

For example in claim 24, the method of detecting still pixels in a video stream including steps of defining, calculating, summing and comparing is of sufficient breadth that it

would be reasonably interpreted as a series of steps completely performed mentally, verbally or without a machine.

The applicant has provided no explicit and deliberate definition of defining, calculating, summing and comparing to limit the steps for detecting the still pixels in the video stream.

Claims 2-6 and 8-31 are rejected by dependency to claims 1, 15 and 24 respectively.

4. Claims 32-33, 35-47 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gims S. Philippe whose telephone number is (571) 272-7336. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (10:30-7:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mehrdad Dastouri can be reached on (571) 272-7418. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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